

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-16 (Cancelled).

Claim 17 (New): A packaging device for a cosmetic product including at least one container forming at least one compartment in which said cosmetic product is directly or indirectly placed, the device comprising:

at least one authentication element, said authentication element incorporating at least one first chemical reagent capable, when placed in contact with a second chemical reagent present on a counterpart authentication element, of producing a detectable change in the second chemical reagent on the counterpart authentication element,

wherein the second chemical reagent is chromogenic following contact with the first chemical reagent.

Claim 18 (New): A device according to Claim 17, wherein, following contact between the first chemical reagent and the second chemical reagent, the authentication element produces a visible colour change locally.

Claim 19 (New): A device according to Claim 17, wherein placement of the authentication element in contact with the counterpart authentication element produces no visible change on the device.

Claim 20 (New): A device according to Claim 17, wherein the first chemical reagent is encapsulated.

Claim 21 (New): A device according to Claim 20, wherein the authentication element includes a third chemical reagent capable of breaking capsules enclosing the first chemical reagent.

Claim 22 (New): A device according to Claim 17, wherein the first chemical reagent is at least partially imprinted on a portion of the external surface of the device.

Claim 23 (New): A device according to Claim 17, wherein the first chemical reagent is integral with a material forming all or part of the container incorporating said authentication element.

Claim 24 (New): A device according to Claim 17, wherein the counterpart authentication element includes an adhesive substance capable of adhering to the device in a reversible manner.

Claim 25 (New): A device according to Claim 17, wherein the authentication element is on a receptacle constituting a secondary outer package indirectly containing said cosmetic product.

Claim 26 (New): A device according to Claim 17, wherein the authentication element is on a receptacle constituting a primary package directly containing said cosmetic product.

Claim 27 (New): A device according to Claim 17, wherein, as said second chemical reagent reacts, the second chemical reagent leads to the formation of an additional analyzable code.

Claim 28 (New): A device according to Claim 17, wherein a combination formed by the first chemical reagent and the second chemical reagent is a unique chemical combination.

Claim 29 (New): A device according to Claim 17, wherein said detectable change is of a visual nature.

Claim 30 (New): A kit separately comprising:

- i) a packaging device according to Claim 17, and
- ii) said counterpart authentication element incorporating said second chemical reagent which, when placed in contact with said first chemical reagent presented on said authentication element of the device, is modified in a detectable manner.

Claim 31 (New): A kit according to Claim 30, wherein said second chemical reagent is visually modified when in contact with the first chemical reagent.

Claim 32 (New): An authentication process for a packaging device for a cosmetic product, the process comprising the following steps:

- i) placing said authentication element of said packaging device according to Claim 17 in contact with said counterpart authentication element incorporating said second chemical reagent which, when in contact with the first chemical reagent present on the authentication element on the device, is modified in a detectable manner; and
- ii) detecting any change in the second chemical reagent present on the counterpart authentication element, the absence of change in the second chemical reagent indicating that the device is not authentic.

Claim 33 (New): A process according to Claim 32, wherein the first chemical reagent is encapsulated, the counterpart authentication element being applied against the authentication element under conditions capable of causing the capsules containing the first chemical reagent to break.

Claim 34 (New): A process according to Claim 32, wherein the counterpart authentication element is discarded when a change is detected.

Claim 35 (New): A process according to Claim 32, wherein the second chemical reagent is visually modified when in contact with the first chemical reagent.